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SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

BIGGEST FLEET OF SEINERS IN YEARS RESUMED FISHING YESTERDAY.

Certainly was big doings at the Master Mariners clubrooms Saturday when over 20 fishermen gathered to do battle for the old alma mater which in this case happens to be the seining fleet that seems to have been getting "spiked" in the market. Oh yes, they had their clashes, a few of them, but it was a healthy talk, for fishermen are not the sort to talk about each other unless they are facing the one being talked about. And after the smoke had cleared, they were ready to play billiards again as if nothing had ever happened.

Yesterday afternoon was the time set for the fleet to throw off the ropes from the wharf, and 'round the Point in quest of more mackerel, and what a glorious sight it made as one after another left the dock bound for the schools to carry out the "new deal." Close to 50 of them were in the group, the largest fleet to leave this harbor at one time, for many years, in any form of fishing.

Who says the adopted Italians don't cooperate with the natives? That group of Italian skippers and owners which attended the meeting certainly belied that statement for they were there and what is more, were willing to abide by the rulings. Every boat but two were in the harbor, and those two were unable to arrive in port in time. Such splendid types of citizens as Benjamin Curcuro and others have done much to show the way to these fishermen from the Fort.

The treasure hunter dropped anchor here yesterday only to leave his boat and hit the trail for Norfolk, Va., again the same day. Referring to Skipper John Hall, no less, of the dragger Theresa and Dan, who tired of hauling scup and sea bass out of the briny down south this Spring, and anchored his craft over the treasure ship which is said to have \$300,000 in real gold deposited in a safe in a ship that is now in Davy Jones' locker—been there in fact for 10, these many years.

They say as how this ship was bound to one of those South American countries which diets on revolutions, and that the bullion was to finance the fracas, but the ship sunk in mid-ocean, and the country's president lived to read of his salvation in the morning chronicle.

Then Cap'n John came into the picture when he and his vessel were employed to stand guard over the site beneath which is supposed to be the treasure. If the safe was raised to the surface, the skipper planned to stock one of the most profitable fishing trips of his or any other skipper's career, and then came changes, and now there are complexities which are too involved for present notice here. Anyway, Capt. Hall is back in Norfolk to look out for his interests in the matter, but will be back here as soon as he can to get his boat ready for the sword-fishing season.

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Over at Rocky Neck railways the Malabar VII., a fine yacht, has a new master, having been sold to parties from San Diego, Cal., the land of the native sons. Incidentally the yacht is going to take an ocean voyage to its new home port, and George Roberts is busy detaching the mast and other parts which lengthen the craft and can be removed.

They called him "rain-in-the-face" Jameson, this old-time skipper whose features resembled those of the original American. His proboscis may have extended well over his chin, but there's one thing he knew thoroughly and that is where the fish were and how to get them. They say that he was one of the best shore fishermen that ever gloried in heavy weather.

With every sail unfurled, home came the Nimbus, Saturday afternoon, from the direction of Montauk Point, with Capt. Clayton L. Morrissey aboard. Capt. Clayt says that the Nimbus has been mackerel netting down there, and landing her trips near the Point. This week he intends to go to Cape Porpoise, Me., to resume fishing. There's one man that doesn't know the meaning of the words "retired skipper." He has been in every type of fishing in his day, and has yet to lay aside his oilskins. All power to him!

The Master Mariners had the pleasure of greeting their genial president, Capt. Edward A. Proctor again yesterday, for the skipper arrived in port in the mackerel netter Funchal, of which Capt. Patrick J. Murphy is the skipper. They did better than most of the netters.

The mackerel netters from here, most of them, went into debt, so Squibs is told, since they did not strike the fish when the prices were decent, and then the price sunk so low that small trips were worth next to nothing. However, one who must have shared pretty well is the Huntington Sanford, whose skipper is Capt. Ed Lasley. That boat has made some good strikes. 'Tis home now, having arrived last night.

Most of the netters will turn their attention to the swordfishing field soon as they dock here, and the Funchal is one of them. Another is the Louis A. Thebaud, Capt. Percy Pieroway, which entered the harbor yesterday afternoon.

The dragger Virginia and Mary was down from Boston Saturday afternoon with her skipper, Capt. Joe Frontiero aboard.

They're in again. Meaning the artists who frequent the waterfront with their palettes and easels and long, skinny brushes looking for local color in its virgin state, and the wharves yesterday had their share, especially the Atlantic Supply wharf, glorified by the presence of the sch. Gertrude L. Thebaud. However, what interested the artists evidently was the Harbor Cove section across the way. The Thebaud was not at the dock.

Shavings only remain to remind Squibs of the past that has been of Essex as a shipbuilding village. Both the Story and James yards certainly look melancholy these days with nary a boat on the stocks. SQUIBS.

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BIG MACKEREL WEEK BUT NO MONEY IN IT

Good catches of mackerel were landed last week by the fishing fleet. The supply exceeded the demand and a large quantity was disposed of for freezing. The fish were mostly large and medium, weighing two to three pounds each and were caught 20 to 35 miles southeast of No Man's Land where there has been a large body of mackerel. Mackerel sold for 50 cents to \$1 per 100 pounds for large and medium and 50 cents to \$1 for small.

The total catch of mackerel to date is ahead of last year and larger than any year for five years. It amounts to 6,429,200 pounds as compared with 6,323,700 pounds in 1932; 4,863,700 pounds in 1931; 5,879,995 pounds in 1930 and 3,483,350 pounds in 1929.

Oporto Codfish News.

Oporto reports for heavy stocks of poor grade New foundland fish. The consumption is light and there is not much likelihood of any improvement in prices. Green fish from Iceland and elsewhere have arrived in large quantities. No suitable stocks are available for the Spanish and Italian markets. The latter market is suffering because of warm weather which has caused sales to fall off. The West Indies market has been demoralized by heavy shipments of inferior quality. Heavy shipments have gone forward to Porto Rico, and there is little hope for any increase in prices. Southern Brazil is not buying because of economic difficulties. Northern Brazil is buying and paying for supplies in a satisfactory manner. Norway's catch is a little less than last year, but most of it is being split. Iceland's catch is 50 per cent. above the same date last year, but as her trawler fleet is to be reduced it is expected that the total catch will not exceed that of last year.—St. John's N. F., Herald and Trade Review.

Lobster Notes.

Two more large consignments of live lobsters were brought to the Boston market yesterday from Nova Scotia by two of the collection fleet. The O. K. Service III., Capt. Seth E. Himmelman, from Port Dufferin had 358 crates and the Nova IV., from Canso, had 308 crates.

Selling at \$18.

Lobsters have been in good supply from Canada and last arrivals sold to wholesale dealers at Boston at \$18 per crate.

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Skipper Herbert Nickerson brought the halibut Ruth and Margaret down from Boston, after leaving her halibut there, and took 30,000 pounds of cod over to the Pew branch of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries for splitting. The Ruth and Margaret has been gone since the first of this month.

Another vessel at the Pew wharf is the Edith C. Rose, which has 50,000 pounds of cod for splitting. Capt. Michael White is the skipper.

At the Gorton branch is the Evalina Goulart, Capt. Manuel Goulart, with 30,000 pounds of cod for splitting. The Goulart by the way, is going swordfishing, and will begin to change over now.

Sch. Elmer Gray, which brought a large fare of cod from the Magdalens to the Gorton wharf last week, has taken on a cargo of 500 hog-head of salt at Pew's wharf, and Capt. Jim Barry is expecting to sail for home some time today.

Capt. Jerome Noble ventured forth again yesterday afternoon in the dragger Marie and Winnifred after another trip. Here's wishing him better luck than the last trip.

Among the new swordfishermen announced are the Magellan, Capt. Joe Rose; Alvan T. Fuller, Capt. Joe Leavitt; Leonora C., Capt. John Corcoran. The latter, about 60 years of age, he is with Capt. John Morash of the mackerel seiner Leretha.

Well, the Consolidated Lobster company of Bay View was collecting yesterday morning when from the shores of Tusket, Nova Scotia, there came two smacks with enough lobster to satisfy many an appetite. First there was the Fannie, whose skipper is Capt. L. D. LeBlanc, with 198 crates or 27,720 pounds; then came the Consolidated, Capt. Clyde Devine at the helm, with 234 crates in the hold.

They lowered the new engine into the Paolina yesterday afternoon at the Pew wharf, and the craft in which Capt. Mike Frontiero is skipper, is getting ready to join the swordfishermen who plan to begin the new month right.

It wasn't too much mackerel which caused the fishermen to worry 25 years ago—it was bad weather and heaps of it, according to the Times files, when an editorial stated that 70 vessels in the mackerel fleet were out of luck, and had lost money. On May 22, they were all returning to fit out for the Cape Shore, a very short season of mackereling. The fleet hardly bothers with that trip these days.

Just to show what a man Capt. Clayton Morrissey is, look this olden trip over. On May 25, 1908, he was bound for the banks in the knock-about sch. Arethusa, although he had already obtained 275,000 pounds of salt cod, and telegraphed from Fox Bay point, island of Anticosti, Gulf of St. Lawrence. And that was the maiden trip of the vessel.

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Scarce and High.

Salmon is one fish that has been scarce and bringing good prices. Eastern have been in light supply as usual at this season. Western have been in light supply due to a strike of fishermen on the west coast. Receipts due this week to Boston amount to 27,000 pounds. In the same week a year ago, 75,000 pounds were received.

OVER 150,000 POUNDS FISH

THREE DOWN FROM HUB WITH 110,000 POUNDS FOR THE SPLITTERS.

Landings of fresh fish here since yesterday amounted to 153,300 pounds of cod, haddock and flounders, with three schooners bringing 110,000 pounds of cod for splitting from Boston for the Pew and Gorton branches of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries.

Thirteen gill netters landing 25,400 pounds of haddock and cod, mostly cod; 10 trawlers accounting for 13,900 pounds; and a lone dragger having 4000 pounds of flounders. More of the seining fleet left port yesterday bound in the direction of No Man's for more mackerel.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipt.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Ruth and Margaret, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. cod for splitting.

Edith C. Rose, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. cod for splitting.

Evalina M. Goulart, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. cod for splitting.

Florence and John, trawling, 500 lbs. cod.

Liberty C., trawling, 700 lbs. cod. Plymouth Rock, trawling, 600 lbs. cod.

Al Stanton, trawling, 500 lbs. cod. Emily, trawling, 1900 lbs. cod.

Mary Ellen, trawling, 3000 lbs. cod. Three Brothers, trawling, 1900 lbs. cod.

"Your shore fish also requires standardization because it is not properly classified, and very little is really Suanish quality.

"It is mixed up and undersized with medium and small.

"Full sized tip top qualities get full values, while seconds and inferiors are difficult to sell even at a low price.

"The early arrivals last year reached us in very bad condition, heated and dun, and after being in cold storage sold at ruinous prices."—St. John's, N. F., Herald and Trade Review.

N. F. Lobster Market.

The demand for canned lobster has been poor of late, says the St. John's, N. F., Herald and Trade Review. The opening price is not expected to be more than \$10 per case. A report, prepared by the Board of Trade recently, contains recommendations for the improvement of the local pack of canned goods. The report was compiled by a special committee and approved by the board in general meeting, and forwarded to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries for consideration and necessary action. It is generally agreed that the recommendations contained therein, if adopted, would do much to increase sales abroad.

Portland News.

The beam trawler Notre Dame of the O'Hara fleet of Boston is due at the Burnham & Morrill plant at East Deering, Portland, with her second successive groundfish fare. She took out a 140,000 pound catch at the plant a week ago.

Sch. Barbara, Capt. Clarence Turner, will complete underwater scraping and painting on the Portland Ship Building Company's marine railway today and the schs. Eleanor, Capt. Tom Brigham, and Alice M. Doughty, Capt. George Johnson, will be hauled out all in preparation for the swordfishing season.

SEINERS STILL HAVE DIFFICULTY

TWENTY-SEVEN AT HUB WITH MEDIUM FARES BUT UNABLE TO SELL.

Twenty-seven of 34 arrivals at the Boston fish pier this morning were mackerel seiners, most of them with the maximum of 25,000 pounds each. The rest were all under the 25,000 pound total.

A dozen of the vessels sold part of their fares at the minimum price established by agreement at Saturday's meeting of producers, two cents per pound, but what will happen to the rest is problematical. Seiners are taking the fish off No Man's Land, near Martha's Vineyard, where there is a large body of fish, it is reported.

Among the other seven arrivals were two steamers, a halibut, sch. Grand Marshal, and four small draggers. Their fares aggregated 176,000 pounds of groundfish, 20,000 pounds of halibut and 33,000 pounds of mixed fish. Scarcity of groundfish brought a boost in the prices of haddock and cod. Halibut sold for 15 and 11 cents.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Str. Fabia, 65,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 mixed fish.

Str. Dorchester, 30,000 haddock, 51,000 cod, 34,000 mixed fish.

Serafina N., 25,000 mackerel. Antonio, 25,000 mackerel.

Marietta and Mary, 25,000 mackerel.

Uncle Sam, 25,000 mackerel. Mary W., 25,000 mackerel.

St. Theresa, 25,000 mackerel. Bethulia, 25,000 mackerel.

Josephine and Mary, 23,000 mackerel.

Nova Julia, 25,000 mackerel. Jennie and Julia, 21,000 mackerel.

Rose and Lucy, 25,000 mackerel. St. Rosalie, 25,000 mackerel.

Fannie F. Hickey, 25,000 mackerel. Hoop-la, 25,000 mackerel.

Joanna, 19,000 mackerel. Natale II., 25,000 mackerel.

Inca, 25,000 mackerel. Santa Maria, 25,000 mackerel.

Capt. Drum, 23,000 mackerel. Linta, 25,000 mackerel.

Grace F., 25,000 mackerel. St. Peter, 21,000 mackerel.

Salvatore and Rosalie, 24,000 mackerel.

Angie and Florence, 25,000 mackerel.

Serafina II., 25,000 mackerel. Jackie B., 22,000 mackerel.

St. Providence, 25,000 mackerel. Grand Marshal, 20,000 halibut.

Princess, 10,000 mixed fish. Eddie and Lulu W., 6700 mixed fish.

Bessie, 4500 mixed fish. Sarah M., 900 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3.25; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; hake, \$1.50; pollock, \$1.50;

cusk, \$1.50; gray sole, 1 1-2 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 1 1-2 cents to 2 cents;

yellow tails, 1 1-2 cents; mackerel, 2 cents; halibut, 15 cents for white; 11 cents for gray; catfish, 1 cent.

LARGE MACKEREL FLEET ON HAND BUT BUYERS ARE FEW

CHEMISTS CLUB WILL BE HOSTS

Northeastern Section of American Chemical Society Coming Here Saturday for Outing and Clam Bake

The Gloucester Chemists' club will be the hosts for the Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society, Saturday, and will entertain the visitors, and themselves, with a varied program starting Saturday morning and continuing through the afternoon, including visits to leading industrial establishments, sightseeing, a meeting at the High school which will be featured by an address by Addison G. Brooks, a clam bake at Wingaersheek beach, and choice of golf or a trip through the Hammond museum on Hesperus avenue.

The Program.

The program of this joint outing which promises to attract a large delegation to the Cape is as follows:

10.00 — Meet at Gloucester High school.

Gorton-Pew Co., and E. I. Patch Co., or to plant of Russia Cement Co.; bus trip around Cape Ann for ladies who do not wish to go on plant inspection trip.

11.40—Return to the Gloucester High school.

11.50—Annual meeting in the High school auditorium.

12.00 m.—Address by Addison G. Brooks of the Russia Cement Co., subject, "By-products of Gloucester Fisheries."

1.15 p. m.—Clam bake at Wingaersheek beach.

3.00—Golf tournament at Bass Rocks Country club and visit to the Hammond Museum.

Ladies are cordially invited, and in case of bad weather the clam bake will be served indoors at the Birdseye laboratories.

Twenty-Seven Craft Have Fares of Not Over 25,000 Pounds—Two Sell Out, Others Await Purchasers

Twenty-seven trips of mackerel arrived at the Boston fish pier early this morning, and 653,000 pounds were offered to the buyers at two cents per pound, as per agreement of the mackerel seiners in their meeting here last Saturday. But the buyers themselves did not take the entire landings, and up to noontime, it was reported that only two seiners, the Angie and Florence with 25,000 pounds and the Natale II with an equal amount, had succeeded in selling all its fish.

Nine other boats had parted with a portion of their fares, which ran from 19,000 to the maximum agreed upon, 25,000 pounds. Sixteen seiners were standing by, patiently waiting for purchasers, and it looks as if they will stay at the pier until tomorrow morning in hopes to get some

one to take the fares out of the holds, that they may resume fishing.

Those who have sold part of their fares, include the Antonio, Joanna, Capt. Drum, Jackie B., Mary W., Bethulia, Jennie and Julia, Nova Julia and Grace F.

Local Firms Not Interested

As for selling them to local concerns for splitting, the outlook is not very promising, in that the concerns are not fussy about taking mackerel for this purpose at this early date, and are not likely to pay as high as a cent and one-half a pound, for which the seiners' agreement calls. However, the situation seems to be much better now than it was a week ago, when the mackerel were sold at 50 cents a hundred pounds, for the fishermen might as well feed them to the fish as to sacrifice their work at that price. Chances are that before Thursday, most of the seiners will find buyers ready to meet the price, and the market will not be over-loaded, it is said.

FISHERIES DIVISION SALVAGED NEARLY HALF MILLION FISH

Salvaging operations by the crews of the Division of Fisheries and Game have recovered nearly half a million fish in a single month this spring to add to the joys of the summer anglers. Director Raymond J. direction of Superintendent W. H. Seaman, covering the eastern part of the state, and Superintendent Elmer A. Macker in the western part, started out as soon as the weather permitted.

Worked in Bad Weather.

The crews battled some very unusual weather this year at the start of their operations, pulling their nets on ponds during snow, sleet and rain storms and winds more like the middle of February than the middle of April. But they kept at the task in order to bring in the fish while the "runs" were on. Now the race has developed into an effort to seine as many ponds as possible before the mercury climbs to the point where it becomes too warm to handle and ship the salvaged fish without loss. To

date they have been able to keep up without let-up because of the rain and continued cool weather that lasted up to a little more than a week ago.

Equipped with huge nets and small boats and other gear, the crews go into next ran, they hope to be able to hang up a new record. In one pond on the grounds of the state school in Belchertown, 83,000 horned pout were salvaged by Superintendent Macker and his men in a few days. A pond in West Springfield owned by an ice concern yielded up 45,000 horned pout and yellow perch. A short jump into the neighboring town of Ludlow added more than 5000 more of various varieties from a reservoir.

Superintendent Seaman's crew, working along the coast in the ponds with the salt water inlets made a fine cleanup when the "runs" were on. Oyster Pond in Falmouth alone gave up 40,000 six to 10 inch yellow perch and nearly 28,000 white perch, six to eight inches, all nearly ready to spawn.